

Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health
April 13, 2005
“Addressing the Global Tobacco Epidemic”
Overview of Global Tobacco Use and Prevention — Presentation Notes

**International Efforts in Global Tobacco Control and Prevention —
Moderators**

**Rosemarie Henson, MSSW, MPH, Acting Deputy Director, National Center
for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC**

Ms. Henson provided an overview of the afternoon panel representing speakers from five different countries and geographic regions — India, Mexico, Ghana, Egypt, and Poland. She then introduced her co-moderator from the WHO.

**Vera Luiza da Costa e Silva, MD, PhD, MBA, Director, Tobacco Free
Initiative, World Health Organization**

Dr. da Costa e Silva began by talking about the importance of the FCTC and how important the U.S. and WHO collaboration has been and will continue to be in addressing the global tobacco epidemic. She provided several illustrations of U.S. governmental agency involvement in international tobacco control issues and emphasized the importance of U.S. scientific and research contributions to the field. Following her brief remarks, Dr. da Costa e Silva provided biographical information about each of the five afternoon speakers. Ms. Henson then introduced the first speaker.